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Box No. I	Basis of report
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PCT/JP2004/015296**Box No. V Reasoned statements under Article 12 of the Law (PCT Article 35(2)) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement:**

Novelty (N)	Claims	_____ 1-19 _____	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	_____ 1-19 _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	_____ 1-19 _____	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (PCT Rule 70.7):

- Reference 1: JP 11-162787 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.) 18 June 1999, claims, paragraphs [0023], [0033]-[0039], [0047]-[0052], and FIG. 1 (no patent family)
- Reference 2: JP 2001-307966 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.) 02 November 2001, claims, paragraphs [0030]-[0035] (no patent family)
- Reference 3: JP 07-216330 A (Hokuriku Toryo KK) 15 August 1995, claims, paragraph [0016] (no patent family)
- Reference 4: JP 10-004037 A (Toyota Motor Corporation, Ltd.) 16 January 1998, claims, paragraphs [0008]-[00011], [0015]-[0017], FIG. 1 (no patent family)
- Reference 5: JP 11-154630 A (Japan Gore-Tex Corporation, Ltd.), 08 June 1999, full text, all drawings
Also: EP 0917166 A2, and US 6359769 B1

Claims 1-19:

In Document 1, as cited in the International Search Report, a polarizable electrode sheet is integrated with a surface of an etched collector via a conductive intermediate layer and pressurized. In the electrical double layer capacitor electrode that is described, the conductive intermediate layer (conductive adhesive) contains a resin component comprising styrene-butadiene rubber and a carbonaceous material such as carbon black or graphite.

It is stated in Document 2 that graphite and carbon black are used as conducting materials in a conductive adhesive for an electrical double layer capacitor electrode used to join a collector and a polarizable electrode. It is stated in Document 3 that flaked graphite is used as a conducting material in an electrical double layer capacitor electrode.

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1. Certain published documents (PCT Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2004-186218 A [P,X]	02 July 2004	29 November 2002	
JP 2004-296863 A [E,X]	21 October 2004	27 March 2003	

2. Non-written disclosures (PCT Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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Continuation of: Box V

It is stated in Document 4 that graphite particles having a size of several microns and carbon black having a particle size of several tens to several hundred nanometers are simultaneously used as conductive materials in order to reduce internal resistance.

There is described in Document 5 an electrically double layered capacitor electrode having a polarizable porous sheet integrated with a rough-surfaced collector via a conductive adhesive layer, wherein the pore diameter of the polarized porous sheet is 0.5 to 20 μm and the porosity is 40 to 90%.

Therefore, patent claims 1 through 19 have no inventive steps.

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